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THINGS INTERESTING TO THE DEAF

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SENT TO THE ROCK PILE

Seattle at Last Lands an Imposter
and Gives Him a Sentence
That Is Felt

IMPOSTER GETS 63 DAYS ON ROCK PILE.

Sunday, Feb. 4, a suburban resident phoned the police department that a man claiming to be deaf and dumb was begging from house to house. Officer Hawkinson of the bicycle squad responded and soon had the man in the city jail. On Monday the police phoned Mr. Hanson to come and see if he was really deaf. A brief examination showed that he was an imposter, but he would not admit it. Judge Gordon continued the case until Wednesday. Mr. Root and Mr. Koberstein, as well as Mr. Hanson, visited the jail, and to all it was evident that he was a fraud. Efforts were made to induce him to admit his deceit, but he was game and resisted all efforts to trap him.

Name given, Roy Thompson; age, 22; height, 5 feet 6 inches, slender; brown straight hair, blue eyes, straight nose, well dressed, gray overcoat, blue creased trousers, tan shoes, well educated, writes good hand, home San Francisco; claimed he lost hearing and speech from brain fever a year ago; parents dead, no relatives; passed a paper with appeal for money to get an education; never learned any signs; wanted to go to school in Berkeley; pleasant manners; well fed and apparently made an easy living. The paper contained the following appeal:

To the Reader:

I lost my speech and hearing a little over a year ago from brain fever. I have no friends or parents living, and am trying to obtain sufficient funds to get a business education so that I can become self-supporting. Anything given shall be thankfully received and fully appreciated.

Very respectfully,
ROY THOMPSON.

Please give what you wish and sign your name with amount given below.

He was asked to name some people who could vouch for his being deaf, but refused and claimed he would prove his case after he was released, not before.

Wednesday he was again brought into court and the judge asked him to

name persons who could vouch for his story, and continued his case until Thursday to give him a chance to prove that he was deaf. He gave the names of some San Francisco people, but was not sure they would remember him or knew of his deafness. The police, however, were requested to communicate with the San Francisco police and learn what they could from the persons named.

Before a reply was received, however, Thompson regained his speech and hearing! When his case came up again Thursday, Judge Gordon gave him a taste of the law for vagrancy,

secure favorable action on their part.

The various reports that have appeared in the press lately regarding imposters were of great help in inducing the judge to continue the case twice as he did, and had it not been for this it is probable that the man would have escaped with a light sentence for begging.

Legislation is needed to cover such cases explicitly, and in any such legislation or prosecution it should be made a fundamental proposition that the offender should prove by reference to responsible parties that he is what he claims to be. If he is really deaf it should be an easy matter for him to prove it. But it is almost impossible with a game fellow like this one to prove that he is not deaf.



ROY THOMPSON

\$100.00 fine and 30 days on the rock pile. In lieu of the fine, the rock pile will have the benefit of his services for 33 days additional, making his term 63 days breaking rock.

As late as Wednesday the judge and prosecuting attorney were inclined to believe that he was really deaf, and according to a reporter, the judge stated on Wednesday that unless it was proved that he was not deaf as claimed he would let him go the next day. His own admission settled the matter beyond doubt, and the court and officers had an object lesson which it is hoped will do good in future cases of the same kind.

Judge Root intended to be present and assist in the prosecution, but was prevented by other engagements. He, however, talked with Judge Gordon on the phone, and wrote a letter to the prosecuting attorney, which helped to

NEWSPAPERS AND IMPOSTERS.

The Council Bluffs Daily Nonpareil of February 2nd contains a letter by Mrs. J. S. Long, warning the public against imposters pretending to be deaf. In Los Angeles Mr. Regensburg has also had a letter printed. Such letters to the daily press all over the country will do much to enlighten people and make the business unprofitable to the imposters. They will then of themselves turn to more lucrative ways of turning an honest or dishonest penny.

No man or woman of the humblest sort can really be strong, gentle, pure and good without the world being better for it, without somebody being helped and comforted by the very existence of that goodness.—Phillips Brooks.

PORLAND, OREGON.

The P. D. L. Society had a business meeting Saturday evening, the 3rd, when new officers were elected. President, Bud Hastings; Vice President, A. Chistom Scott; Secretary, Chas. Lawrence; Treasurer, Miss B. B. Bond, and Doorkeeper, Joe Jorg. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Gromachy rejoined the Society. Another business meeting will be had the first Saturday in March, when it is expected that a great deal of business will be transacted.

Mrs. W. W. Redman tendered her husband an informal surprise party in honor of the event of his birthday on the 5th of this month.

Jacob Gaberson left on the 13th for another trip to Alaska, expecting to return in the fall.

It being Mr. and Mrs. John Reichle's ninth wedding anniversary last Sunday, Miss Bond and Mr. Nelson were guests to supper.

Miss Lorena Officer and Sanford Spratlen were joined in marriage at the Court House Wednesday, the 7th. They are keeping house at 263 Beech St. A large number of friends gathered at their home at their invitation Saturday, the 10th, for a social gathering. A bountiful and dainty supper was given and the happy couple received many nice presents.—Oregonian.

SPOKANE, WASHINGTON.

The ground hog saw his shadow.

Fred Lowe has been employed by the Washington Mill Co., but has again joined the I. W. W. ranks.

Peace has again sunk below the horizon here. When Mrs. Smith amended her motion to bring the Association party on the 23rd, which was accepted, it looked as if the two societies would get along all right. But on Saturday, Feb. 3rd, she again amended it to have it on the 24th, and the Association accepted it, thereby showing its teeth to the club.

They deny it, however, but the motion itself shows how the matter stands.

The Acme Club has grimly accepted the challenge. And the party will go on as first announced. After the dance the deaf will be given an auto sleigh joy ride about the city, and they will then again continue the night, after a banquet, playing games, etc.

Ross Slightam will say nothing except that he is sorry the Association found fit to attempt such actions, which he says were made illegally.

Spring has broken out here in spite of the ground hog having ducked back in his hole.

William Henrich has become a printer's apprentice. Well, that's the way they all start, anyway, so our best wishes of success are to Billy. Is

Cupid asleep here? Well, just keep your eyes open and see. Rumors sent afloat say Spokane is dead. But a day or so would convince anyone that there is plenty of life in the societies here.

TOMMY.

PROMINENT LOSANGELES MAN

Joseph Orrie Harris of Los Angeles is a graduate of the Iowa School at Council Bluffs, class of 1896, and is also an ex-student of Gallaudet College for one term.

He is a young man of integrity and makes himself useful in various ways. He has lived in Los Angeles for five years and loves the perfect climate and country. He is a local and occasional reporter for the Observer.



J. Orrie Harris.

He is State Organizer for California under the Los Angeles Division No. 27 of the N. F. S. D. He also served as a Division Secretary for two years. He is now on the Board of Trustees for two years and also chairman of Relief Committee for 1912.

He started the organization of the Division two years ago.

He always has pushed the N. F. S. D., as well as Club Amapola, of which he is President for 1912.

He is one of the most ambitious and enthusiastic deaf citizens and is always ready to aid in any good cause in Los Angeles.

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TACOMA

The T. S. C. got up a double surprise party Saturday evening, Jan. 20, in honor of the birthdays of Mrs. Hammond and Miss Patterson, who is visiting her. Mrs. Hammond's birthday comes on the 21st and Miss Patterson's on the 22nd of January.

In a neat speech Mr. Rowan presented Mrs. Hammond with a beautiful framed engraving in behalf of the club.

Miss Patterson received a number of beautiful presents also.

Flinch was played and refreshments served and the party broke up at a late hour.

The regular monthly meeting of the club was held at the Minnicks' Saturday evening, Jan. 28th. In spite of the rain there was a full attendance. After the business on hand was disposed of, a bountiful supper was served.

Sunday, Feb. 4th, will be long remembered by those who gathered at Mr. and Mrs. Eaton's home to celebrate the 20th anniversary of their wedding.

Besides the beautiful china tea service presented by the Tahoma Social Circle, the happy couple were the recipients of many other pieces of china. A delicious old-fashioned chicken dinner was served, after which Mr. Eaton entertained us with an account of pioneer days.

Almost everybody had some little story to give, and each one tried to say something funnier than his predecessor.

After another fill-up of cake, pie, fruit and tea at 6 the company dispersed. There were 23½ people present. Anyway, that is how somebody reckoned it.

The Tahoma Circle is going to give a chicken dinner at Mrs. Seeley's Sunday, Feb. 25th. There is to be chicken, with all the usual trimmings, and after you are so full you just can't hold any more, you'll be offered mince and pumpkin pie, which you won't be expected to eat—so don't worry about that.

Then before you leave in the evening you will be forced to eat a bowl of oyster stew. The charges for all these delights will be only fifty cents. Every one is welcome and to be sure there will be enough grub on hand we will stock up for the occasion with a full line of groceries, not forgetting plenty of sand. (No money will be refunded to dissatisfied purchasers.)

Mr. Wade met with a painful accident while at work at the Old Town mill Thursday last. A piece of lumber fell on his foot and hurt it so badly that he was taken to the hospital for treatment. He expects to be out and around in a few days.

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Mr. Edward Beverly Nelson, for many years principal of the Central New York School at Rome, died recently at his home in Utica, New York. Mr. Nelson was prominent in the work of educating the deaf for many years and occupied a high place in the esteem of those who came into intimate contact with him—N. D. Banner.

We hope the Board of Trustees will make Mr. W. A. Caldwell the permanent principal of the Berkeley school. They could not do a wiser thing, or make a choice more pleasing to the deaf generally. Mr. Caldwell is in every way qualified for the place. His attitude towards the sign language is about the same as that of Dr. Wilkinson.

HOW MANY N. A. D. MEMBERS READ THE OBSERVER.

All members of the N. A. D. who read this are requested to send me a postal and inform me of the fact. I want to know how many members of the Association are reached through the Observer. OLOF HANSON.

4747 16th Ave. N.E., Seattle, Wash.

We are grieved to hear of the sudden death of Mrs. J. N. Tate, wife of the superintendent of the Minnesota School. Mrs. Tate was stricken while attending a club meeting, and passed away before her husband or children could reach her. We knew and loved her while a teacher in the Minnesota School. She was a noble woman, a strong Christian, and performed all her duties in an exemplary way. She was one of those rare people who could live in an institution without friction; she guarded her tongue and her actions so that others were never hurt. We tender Dr. Tate our sympathy in his great and irreparable loss.

THE BUFF AND BLUE.

The Buff and Blue now comes to us with some changes in the cover design. The dear old clock tower is still there, we are glad to see, and the seal of the college is added below, together with the lamp containing the midnight oil and some fat text-books. We like the additions very much. Our own class, that of '93, took the leading part in founding the Buff and Blue, and we well remember the jubilation of the entire class, and of W. I. Tilton in particular, when the reluctant consent of the faculty was at last obtained and the first number, adorned with a salutary poem by Dr. Draper, was launched! In our eyes at the time that number eclipsed in importance and influence any other publication issued, without any exceptions whatever. No doubt the youthful editors who in turns guide the Buff and Blue at the present day have the same feeling. Since the initial number we have not missed a single one, and regard the periodical with affection. Long may it live, and long may our beloved, wise, and witty alumni editor wield his keen and kindly pen!

LETTER OF APPRECIATION.

We quote the following from a letter recently received by Olof Hanson, written by a bright and rising member of the teaching profession, a graduate of Gallaudet:

"I have not expressed to you my hearty approval of your stand in N. A. D. matters, although I do so to members of the association whenever there is occasion. I realize that it isn't any soft snap to be in your chair, and I think the N. A. D. might well dispense with the services of that unauthorized committee of knockers. I don't see the sense in such a needless dissipation of energy when the enemy in its many forms is threatening the great body of the deaf."

SENT US THEIR PICTURE AND \$1.

When an imposter is arrested in your town secure a photo of him and send it to us with one dollar and we will print it in the Observer. The dollar is to pay for making a single-column cut. If you want a cut like the one in this issue send \$1.50.

The Observer cannot pay for making cuts, so be sure to send the money.

What better way to route imposters than to circulate their pictures all over the country?

When arrested, one of these fakirs usually gets off with a light fine and goes to another city. With a photo of them at hand it is easy to prove that they are professionals if a second arrest is made. Then the court is usually ready to give a stiff sentence.

Let's fill the land with pictures of imposters till it gets too hot for these sharpsters.

HELP THE INDEPENDENT PAPERS

If you are not taking an independent paper for the deaf you are not doing your duty.

Many of the deaf schools have adopted the oral method, that means the school papers are going over to that side. With such a condition, what periodical is there to uphold the sign language but the independent papers?

Give these independent papers your support. They need it and deserve it.

If you can get others to subscribe do so. If you can use advertising space, do so.

Help the independent papers thus help yourself, the sign language and the deaf as a whole. R.

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS.

The program of the Third International Congress of the Deaf, at Paris, July 28 to August 4, 1912, in honor of the bi-centenary of the Abbe De L'Epee, has been received. It is an interesting program, and considers the various forms of instruction—primary, advanced professional, religious—received by the deaf, and their status in the world after leaving school.

By the way, the wife of M. Dusuzen, the president of the congress, is an American.

SIGNS.

Dr. G. Stanley Hall, one of the foremost Psychologists of America, on reading Mr. Weston Jenkins' recent article in the Annals on "The Value of the Sign Language," writes to the author as follows:

"It has always seemed to me from my very hazy and general knowledge that there were things about the sign language that ought to be conserved and that to forbid it where it was so spontaneous was to simply shut up the soul of the child until, while learning to speak it also learned to get on without much expression. Besides the anthropological interest of the subject, sign language is looming up in psychology tremendously, not so much on the basis of Mallory's and other works on primitive people as in its psychological significance *vide* Wundt, who spent a lot of time on it in his Volkpsychologie. I always give a lecture or two on it in my course on Genetic Psychology and am very glad to have your contribution. I wish I could get hold of other recent literature on the subject."—Kentucky Standard.

Dr. Hall's remarks above indicate him to be of a fair turn of mind. We wish he could see the literature Macgregor, Fox, Hanson, Smith and others of our educated deaf have written in their indignant defense of the sign language. His ideas on the subject would then be less hazy.

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LOCALS.

Remember the 24th and the big time in Seattle.

Mrs. A. W. Wright has been entertaining her father from the Grays Harbor region.

True Partridge and L. O. Christensen took a trip to Bainbridge Island last Sunday.

Roy Harris is busy at his father's shop at West Seattle. The outlook for business is good.

Mr. and Mrs. Haire and Mr. and Mrs. Swangren were the guests of the Hansons on Sunday, the fourth.

Ed. Langdon and Max Gebhardt are busy laying on flesh—trying to beat the associate editor in that line.

Mr. and Mrs. August Koberstein have decided to stay in Seattle for a while. They are keeping house at 405½ East Pike street.

L. O. Christensen, Mrs. J. E. Gustin and Mrs. Barbara Wildfang were present at the Eaton-China wedding in Tacoma.

As soon as spring approaches Jake Garberson turns up, bound for Alaska. He is here this week and will leave for the north next week. No objection to a proposal before he goes.

The Bible class was led in January by Mrs. Wright, and was both instructive and interesting. Mrs. Wright made a fine leader. The next meeting is next Sunday, the 18th, when Mrs. Swangren will lead.

ASPIRES TO A SUMMER HOME.

We understand True Partridge is to be the first of the Seattle deaf to own a summer home. It's to be on Bainbridge Island. Mr. Partridge cannot reach this by car, so it is rumored he is to secure a Carr to take with him.

MADE IT A SUCCESS.

Credit for the conviction of the Seattle impostor belongs to Olof Hanson. He put in much valuable time to secure a sentence that would be felt and prove an example to those fakirs. We are glad he was so successful.

R.

LEAP YEAR PARTY

Remember February 24th.

Place—Carpenters' Hall, Fourth Avenue just north of Pine Street. Time—7:30 p. m.

Who? Every lady with her best clothes and gentleman friend.

What for? Oh, a good time tripping the light fantastic toe.

The Puget Sound Association has taken up the matter with enthusiasm.

Mrs. Swangren is chairman and when she takes hold of a thing in earnest it succeeds. She is assisted by Miss Hammond and Mrs. Hanson.

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P. S. A. D. MEETING.

At the meeting on February 10th there was great interest and excitement, as it was election night. But everything was conducted in order and with good feeling, and there is reason to rejoice at the harmony displayed.

The following board was elected:
President, Mr. Partridge.
Vice-President, Mrs. Wright.
Secretary, Mrs. Hanson.
Treasurer, Mr. Christensen.
Sergeant-at-Arms, Mr. Root.
Directors, Mr. Gustin and Mrs. Swangren.

Trustee, Mr. Hanson.

Mr. Partridge won by four votes over Mr. Gustin for president, and Mrs. Wright by nine votes over Mr. Smith for vice-president. Mrs. Hanson, Mr. Christensen, Mr. Root and Mr. Hanson were re-elected to their respective offices unanimously.

The trustees' report showed that our invested money was drawing a little over \$30 a year interest. The par value of these holdings is \$600.

The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$129.34 on hand.

Mr. and Mrs. Haire were sworn in as new members.

The names of P. L. Axling, Miss Burnett and Mrs. Paul were presented for membership.

The association accepted the offer of a hall made by two friends, the same to be used for a leap year ball on February 24th. Mrs. Swangren, Mrs. Hanson and Miss Hammond were appointed a committee on arrangements. A great time is expected.

Olof Hanson told the meeting about the impostor who was caught in Seattle recently, and who confessed he could hear.

AGATHA HANSON, Sec'y.

MR. HOLLIDAY SUCCEEDS.

By way of variation it is pleasant to hear that the deaf are not always downed by the Civil Service. Frank Holliday, of Pittsburg, has successfully passed the examination, and is now one of the regular force of clerks at the postoffice. Mr. Holliday is a graduate of Mt. Airy and of Gallaudet.

A JOKE? OF COURSE NOT.

Woman's leap year privilege is no joke. It was established by law centuries ago. A law of Scotland passed in 1228 gave a woman the right to propose in leap year and impose a fine of one pound on the man who refused. The first English law on the leap year privilege was passed in 1606.—Ex.

MY VALENTINE.

My valentine has eyes of blue,
My valentine has hair of gold
That gleams and brightens, holding fast

My heart within its shining fold.
My valentine can skip and dance,
My valentine can laugh and frown,
And whereso'er she sets her face,
And in and out, and up and down,
Her beauty lightens every place.

I seek no ruder sport and joy,
Know no completer rest and charm
Than in the dimples of her face
And in the clasp of her soft arm.
Let come or glad or sad mayhap,
Her closer to my heart I hold.
Whate'er of sweetness there may be,
My valentine that's three years old
Doth hold the sum of all for me.

—AGATHA TIEGEL HANSON.

The above poem was written for Marion, Mrs. Hanson's oldest daughter, and printed in The Buff and Blue about eight years ago. It has not been re-printed since.

One interesting fact about this year, which distinguishes it from others that we have experienced in our lives is, that it has 54 Sundays. The year began on Sunday and will end on Sunday; this combination will not occur again till the year 2020.—Ohio Chronicle.

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CHICAGO

F. E. Philpott and family moved to Clindenin, W. Va., to be near their aged mother who is declining in health. They are missed by their Chicago friends. Mr. Philpott intends starting a printing office there. We wish him good luck, as it will be his first attempt.

Mrs. Elwell is confined at Wesley Hospital, and may undergo an operation for an abscess around the ear.

The friends of Mr C. Sullivan regret that he is again laid up with paralysis.

The Susannah Wesley Circle met with Mrs. Zueldorf at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Rutherford, where she is stopping temporarily.

Mrs. Elesta Grout enjoyed a visit from her daughter, Alice, of St. Louis, Mo., recently.

Mrs. Berryman, mother of Mrs. Gus Hyman, with whom she had been making her home for some time, passed away Jan. 21st. She had been suffering with a complication of diseases. The funeral was held the following Tuesday morning, and the body conveyed to Goshen, Ind., for interment.

The Chicago chapter of the Illinois Association held a meeting in the Pas-a-Pas club room on the 20th of Jan. The following named officers were elected: President, Mrs. P. J. Hasenstab; first vice-president, Mrs. Ben Frank; second vice-president, Mrs. George Flick; secretary, Frank Johnson; treasurer, Chas. E. Sharpwack. It was voted that in order to retain their former enthusiasm the meetings should be held three times a year instead of once as heretofore.

At the January meeting of the Ladies' and Pastor's Aid Society of Chicago, the following named officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Miss Cora Jacoba; first vice-president, North Side, —; second vice-president, West Side, Mrs. Hartford; third vice-president, South Side, Mrs. J. Gibney; Kensington vice-president, Mrs. S. Norris; secretary, Mrs. F. A. Martin; treasurer, Mrs. T. McCoy.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Thirsk requested that the announcement of a birth of a child in the earlier part of last month, as stated in The Observer of Jan. 4th, be corrected, as it was a false report. Since the above false report, the writer of this issue received a card announcing the birth of Lucille Alice Thirsk, on Tuesday, Jan. 23rd, tipping the scales at seven pounds!

The friends of Mrs. Otto Pauling, nee Bertie Gibson, sympathize with her in the loss of her dear and only sister, Nettie, who died suddenly, December 3rd.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Thomas are now living in Aurora, Ills., where he

has a position at the barber trade.

A girl baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Root of Michigan City, Ind.

Mrs. W. Tilley was again a visitor in Chicago as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Sonneborn and Mrs. Lefi lately. Mr. Tilley was in Washington, D. C., on business.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Thomas of Toronto, Canada, are making a two-months' visit or so to their nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Peters, at Mayfair. Their friends were pleased to see them again.

South Dakota

By Edward P. Olson,

A Surprise Birthday Party.

Saturday evening, Jan. 27th, a surprise birthday party was given by the mute people of Sioux Falls, for Mrs. F. E. Worwick of 1121 East Ninth street. All of the visitors shook hands with her and it finally dawned on her that the gathering was in honor of her birthday. Conversation and games were indulged in. At 9:30 o'clock the writer made a neat little speech and in behalf of the company presented Mrs. Worswick with a beautiful rug. Then came to her some other presents. She was much pleased and her speech of thanks was full of feeling. Ice cream and cake were served. Games and conversation were then resumed and good-byes were reluctantly said. The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. Thos. H. Jewell, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Williams and Helen, Mr. and Mrs. Olaf A. Olson and Eva, Miss Hulda Anderson, Otto E. Brorby, Robert Otten, Grant Daniels, Edward P. Olson and from the state school, Misses Britt, Gillman, Eaton and Mrs. Delos Simpson, literary teachers, and Messrs. Harper and Larson, instructor in printing and boys' supervisor, respectively.

After long consideration and inspection, Otto E. Brorby at last bought a lot on Cliff Ave., near 6th street. He is planning to erect a bungalow on it in the near future. Who will be his helpmeet the writer is unable to find out.

Tuesday evening, Jan. 30th, Rev. Koehler made his appearance in Sioux Falls and preached to a good sized audience. His discourse was upon "The Mystery of Life and Phenomena of Nature."

In the middle of January Olof A. Olson completed the finishing work in a large cottage on 19th St. and Minnesota Ave., Sioux Falls. He ordered his chest home and made new boxes in place of old ones in the chest and had his tools sharpened and saws filed, preparatory to be on full blast with renewed courage in the spring. Otto E. Brorby is at present help-

ing Contractor Heinson, who moved to Sioux Falls from Humboldt, building a new, ideal bungalow.

New Year's day Mr. and Mrs. Thos. H. Jewell of Sioux Falls enjoyed the visits of the former's daughter, Miss Grace, teacher at the Iowa School, and son, Thomas W., accountant in St. Paul, Minn.

Mrs. Delos Simpson's daughter, Miss Hattie, is a teacher at the Illinois School. She resigned her position at the N. D. School last year.

On New Year's day Miss Stachwik of Huron paid a visit to her sister, who is a student at the S. D. School, and visited some mute residents and the city to study the conditions. She may come and spend the summer here if she can find employment.

Miss Anna Kimmell returned home at Garretson, S. D., Xmas from Alberta, Canada, where she helped her brother, doing housework. Her sister-in-law died last fall.

Ole Evans of Dell Rapids was a New Year's day guest of his schoolmate, Levi Larson, boys' supervisor at the S. D. School. They were educated at the Minnesota School.

Miss Gerkey of Sioux Falls was called home to Grand Forks, N. D., owing to the illness of her mother.

The writer received an interesting communication from A. J. Authier of Pipestone, Minn., stating he is very anxious to return to Sioux Falls.

During the latter part of November till New Year Edward P. Olson helped Contractor Hofsaas building 3 houses in a block, Sioux Falls, till the cold snap stopped the operations, but they are about completed and will soon be in hands of plasterers. As soon as lumber arrives from Chicago he will help build 3 more houses on the same block. His brother Olof will help and do the finishing work in them in the spring. During Edward's leisure he occasionally helped in some printing offices when special help was needed.

Of late several weeks Lee Johnson of Sioux Falls worked cutting ice on the river, and to keep his face warm he raised a good beard and the mutes made fun of him by calling him a "professional doctor."

VANCOUVER, B.C.

Mrs. Needham had a birthday party for her deaf friends Friday a week ago. Flinch, pedro, whist and hearts were played till 11 o'clock, when swell refreshments were served. The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. David Turrill, Mr. and Mrs. William Needham, J. J. Needham, Mr. and Mrs. Nosworthy, Messrs. E. H. Whitehead, Alex. Hennsey, J. G. Schmidt, Wm. Kopieski, Mrs. Annie Munro, Mrs. Nannie Olson, Misses G. L. Goose and Archibald. Mrs. Needham received many beautiful gifts.

PORLTAND, OREGON.

Saturday, January 27th, was the date set for the annual game of basket ball between the Vancouver (Wash.) and Salem (Oregon) schools for the deaf. The date of the game had been noised around long enough beforehand to get a few of the Salem alumni interested. Indeed, they caught the basket ball fever bad, organized a team on the strength of past performances and, disregarding lack of training, bay windows and diverse other qualities essential to one who would play basket ball, tied a knot in their wampum and sent a message of defiance and a declaration of war to their old rivals, the Chemowa Indians. The way those Indians fell for the challenge speaks well for their sportsmanship. The manager declared he would be only too glad to pit a team against any one we could rustle up, and hoped that the second team would do. It would, and the game was arranged to be played on the court of the Salem school directly after the two schools for the deaf got through their little argument.

Four ex-Salem players were all that could be begged, stolen or borrowed, so we swiped one of the Vancouver stars—the handsome, clever, good-natured, always-smiling Wee Mellis.

The game between the two schools was a fast and fiercely contested affair, but Vancouver had the better, bigger team and loped under the wire winners by the score of 36 to 26. Wee Mellis starred for Vancouver, while the crowd that watched both games will long remember the swift and clever all-round playing of Fronm—a boy just starting in his teens, but with a future as an athlete bright before him.

As soon as the excitement over the school game had quieted down a little, the Indians appeared on the floor, soon followed by the ex-Salem stars, who lined up as follows:

Lynch, r. f.; Mellis, l. f.; Hunter, c.; Kautz, l. c.; Vinson, r. c.

The game started with a rush, and Hunter, after a few minutes of fiddling by both teams, shot a goal from mid-floor. The Indians played as one man, while the veterans depended wholly on individual skill. The Indians played hard, but the experience of the two guards, Kautz and Vinson, proved a wall they could not surmount. Hunter shot goal after goal, and caged every free throw except one. The first half ended with a score of 12 to 3 in favor of the old players, but the Indians came back in whirlwind style in the second half, and nearly tied the score. Then Kautz and Vinson made a play they used to work when they played together half a dozen years ago, and, as of yore, it netted a basket—Kautz getting credit for the two points. Then Hunter woke up again and cast two baskets from hard places

in quick succession, and the game was cinched, 18 to 12. Mellis, being tired from the first game, was not up to form, and both he and Lynch were heavily guarded. They were on the job all the time, and had they been practicing together would have run up a large score, as both boys missed shot after shot. Hunter's all-round playing was a caution.

A party was given by the Salem pupils to the Vancouver team, and the old players were invited to stay. They did, and are still smiling over the good time they had. Every courtesy was shown all the visitors by the whole school, from the superintendent down to the cook. Thanks. E. V.

VANCOUVER SKULE DOINGS.

Supt. Clarke went to Olympia for two days some time ago, at the request of Gov. Hay, to attend a meeting of the superintendents of all state institutions.

We were pleased to see Mr. Koberstein and his bride on their way to Seattle from California.

Our boys played a basket ball game at the Salem school not long ago, spending the night there, and were royally treated during their stay. Messrs. Hunter, McDonald, Bjorkquest and Miss McBride accompanied them. Needless to say that our boys won, by a score of 37 to 27.

Mrs. Reed, who is on Gov. Hay's staff, was here from Saturday till Monday, two weeks ago, inspecting our school. She found out that we really need a few things and let's all hope we get them.

The Boys' Athletic Association has chosen Mr. Meagher, Mr. Bjorkquest and Mr. Van Emon to get up a play some time in March for the benefit of the association. Possibly "The Merchant of Venice" will be selected.

Mrs. Hunter got up a birthday whist party in honor of Mrs. Meagher and Mr. Bjorkquest February second. It was a delightful affair. Mrs. Meagher was the recipient of a book and Mr. Bjorkquest a pair of sleeve garters. Those present were Messrs. and Mesdames Divine, Hunter, Fay, and Meagher, Messrs. Van Emon and Bjorkquest, Mrs. Clarke and Miss Kieland.

The girls will soon occupy the new dormitory; then, alas and alack! Mr. Hanson will cease his periodical visits here. We have enjoyed his presence on an average of once every three weeks ever since September. Both in designing and superintending our new buildings he has more than made good.

The last time he was here—about the first of the month—he left us with a smile that won't come off for many a day. Can you blame him? He got the contract to design an apartment and office building here in Vancouver. After all, "All things come to him who

waits," may apply to his case, only instead of waiting he has been very busy hustling. So we may alter that wise old saw to "All things come to him who hustles while he waits."

Mr. and Mrs. Clarke were pleasantly surprised with a whist party recently. Just as they were ushered into the parlor full of teachers, officers and visitors, Jimmy Meagher enlightened them with this:

Mr. Clarke, Mrs. Clarke, won't you heed, won't you hark;

We have all come around here to greet you;

Mr. Clarke, Mrs. Clarke, we are out for a lark—

But don't fear, you're not larks, we won't eat you.

Let us sit down a bit—not to play flinch or pit,

But to play whist without any "dummy";

When the fun is all done and the prizes are won,

We will serve something good for the "tummy."

After the whist game, won by Mrs. Lloyd, with the booby prize going to E. Vinson, refreshments were served and the home-made candy, best ever, slipped down their throats just like donations slipping into an imposter's pocket.

It is gratifying to know that Carl Garrison, instead of being an indifferent helper, as is the common fault with deaf graduates here in Washington, has rolled up his sleeves and taken up the cudgels, determined that no imposters shall disgrace his home town, Everett. So far he has put the police wise to one who will now meditate over his sins for some time in a jail. He has also interfered with the mistreatment of a deaf woman by her people.

Good for Carl; would that there were more like him!

The "chief of police," Meagher, can not attend to the imposters in every town in this state and he would appreciate it greatly if the deaf in each town would help to put an end to this business, should any imposters bob up. The police are not sufficiently enlightened on this subject, hence it should be the duty of the deaf in every town to show the force a thing or two.

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